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Scott R. Surovchak U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management 11025 Dover Street, Suite 1000 Westminster, Colorado 80021

Dear Mr. Surovchak:

Based on the authority conferred to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), the Service reviewed the May 7, 2008, Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse Mitigation Monitoring Report for the Programmatic Biological Opinion at the Rocky Flats Site, 2007 Annual Report. The biological opinion addressed impacts to the federally listed Preble's meadow jumping mouse, Zapus hudsonius preblei (Preble's) due to various cleanup and closure activities at the Rocky Flats site. The report was written in order to fulfill requirements of our biological opinion regarding the project's impacts on Preble's habitat. You are currently requesting confirmation that monitoring is complete at the following locations, as identified by their letter designations in your GIS: G, I, J, N, O, T, X, AA, BB, and FF.

Given that the mitigation has met the success criteria described in the biological opinion, and that you will continue to monitor and control weeds on the site, the Service agrees that monitoring at the above locations is complete.

We appreciate your submitting this report to our office for review and comment. If the Service can be of further assistance, please contact Alison Deans Michael of my staff at (303) 236-4758.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Linner

Colorado Field Supervisor

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